



How Do You-Measure Up?

A Water Awareness Test

Every day we do (or avoid doing) things which affect the amount of water we use and the condition or quality of the water we dispose. Here's an opportunity for you to consider what your contribution is to the problem and to the solution. Take a few minutes to complete this checklist. Add up the numbers you circled as answers in each column to find your total. Then use the information on the back to see how you measure up.

Do You.....

		<u>Never</u>	<u>Some-</u> <u>times</u>	<u>Often</u>
1.	leave the tap water running as you brush your teeth or shave?	1	2	3
2.	turn the lawn sprinkler on during mid-day?	1	2	3
3.	throw used containers of paint, solvents, or harsh cleansers into the trash?	1	2	3
4.	empty leftover paint, solvents, or cleansers into the kitchen sink?	1	2	3
5.	run the washing machine or dishwasher with small loads?	1	2	3
6.	water your lawn frequently during the summer to achieve a lush cover?	1	2	3
7.	use lots of fertilizers and lawn feeder to help the lawn recover from winter?	1	2	3
8.	clean the driveway, sidewalk, or curb side by hosing it down with water?	1	2	3
9.	leave the shower running to heat up the bathroom?	1	2	3
10.	wait to repair a dripping faucet until it turns into a steady leak?	1	2	3
11.	use the toilet to dispose of ordinary waste around the house?	1	2	3
12.	wash the car every weekend in the summer?	1	2	3
13.	change your oil in the street or use storm drains to dispose of used oil?	1	2	3
14.	sweep lawn and garden trimmings into the curb or down storm drains?	1	2	3
15.	use the garbage disposal to get rid of food scraps?	1	2	3
		<u>YES</u>		<u>NO</u>
16.	attend public hearings on water issues?	1		3
17.	consider the impact of land-use and zoning decisions on your water resources?	1		3
18.	write to your public officials about obvious mismanagement or disregard for community water resources?	1		3
19.	volunteer to help clean up a water body or promote water quality awareness in your community?	1		3
20.	vote for programs or candidates that protect the environment?	1		3
21.	know where your tap water comes from?	1		3
22.	know where your waste water goes?	1		3
23.	know who operates your water utilities?	1		3
24.	know the name and location of your watershed?	1		3
25.	know how much it costs for your water supply and wastewater treatment?	1		3

ADD _____ + _____ + _____

TOTAL SCORE = _____

How Did You Score?

If Your Total Score (from the other side) was:

30 or less

You are to be complimented on your knowledge of water resource issues, and your commitment to practicing sound conservation and pollution prevention measures.

31 to 55

You are generally aware of the need to conserve water, and to protect our surface and groundwater from pollution, but need to be more consistent in your habits. Remember, even small leaks result in huge losses, and small quantities of pollutants can contaminate large water bodies.

56 to 75

Unfortunately, like too many others, you could be contributing to severe water supply and pollution control problems in your community. You need to think about the many ways you can modify your habits to become part of the solution.

What More Can You Do?

30 or less

Keep it up!
Educate your friends and family to follow your example. Join or start a volunteer monitoring program in your community.

31 to 55

Conduct a home water user survey with your friends and family. Try it out in class, or at the workplace, too. Implement protection and conservation measures whenever you find problems.

56 to 75

Call local organizations or government agencies for more information. Learn about and practice measures to save and protect water. Join a local group committed to natural resources protection.

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